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LONG-DISTANCE living is a dangerous way of doing it. The sort of life in which you can drop a bomb and not see what you have done; make a plan for everyone's happiness and not be near enough to see whether it works; plant a theory of behaviour on a young group just because it will "keep them out of mischief"; jam a plant into a pot too small and then go away and never see its roots become pot-bound . . . this sort of life is not much help to anyone who wants to keep human.

The only way of living is to be right in the rough-and-tumble of person-to-person meeting. Geoff Martin has something to say about this when you turn over the page. He asks parents—and others—to lend an ear, both ears, all ears . . . and young people like the Branksome Pioneers (see page 102) are finding out what it means to take a look—and keep on looking.

I have been thinking of the stimulation it is to take a look at people gathered together from many parts of the country, many parts of the world, and to see them *talking* together—as they talked against the enlivening pageantry of the reception at Guildhall (see page 113) where party clothes and splendid uniforms heightened the pleasure of the occasion, and at the Tower of London, where there is always inspiration to anyone with imagination (and often a shiver!). On May 18, 1965, the welcome was warm and the meeting merry, and again "everyman" was talking to "everyman", whether he came from France, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Africa or any part of the whole round world.

My own experience of the Toc H Jubilee Celebrations was a good shake-up and a reminder of some of the things in which I believe—and one of those is that, every now and then, it is a good thing to take time off to go to a party!

Sometimes that is an effort. And everyone with a grain of savvy must know that behind all these jubilations there lies, hidden, a record of hard work and planning on the part of many people—and that all the publicity, too, didn't "just happen" but came through skilled operation. And when I listened to a really good talk about Toc H on the BBC one morning, one of the most important points it made—at least to me—was that Toc H is a person-to-person Movement, where people can be *known* to each other.

And that's a good reason for being born.

Editor : BARBARA VISE

KNOW YOUR FAMILY?

GEOFF MARTIN asks the questions—and throws out a leading-line to men and women who want to bridge the generations-gap inside the home or in the New Family of Toe H...

HOW well do we know our children? My own reply would be "very well indeed, of course". The reply might not be entirely wrong, but it would almost certainly be an overestimate. A short time ago a psychiatrist friend was discussing the problems of the young with the headmaster of a boys' school, an understanding, sympathetic type.

"Do many of your boys come to you with their personal difficulties?" she asked.

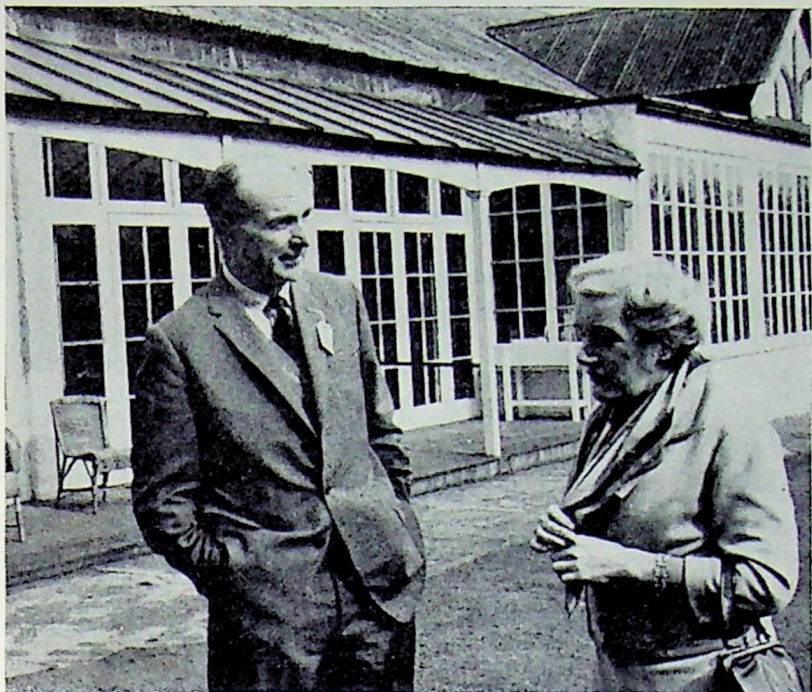
He said they did, frequently.

She asked him what sort of things worried them most, and expected the answer to be in some way connected with their sexual development. She was wrong. Their most common worry was their consciousness of a barrier between them and their parents. Not an obvious, rigid iron curtain but something infinitely more subtle but equally, for them, impenetrable. They longed for a sense of family unity which in their tongue-tied immaturity they were unable, themselves, to establish. And they all came from good homes where the parents assumed that they were giving their children all the love and understanding expected of a good home.

Where were they missing out? The answer touches the deeper levels of all human relationships where one side is accustomed to "having their say" and making decisions, and the other side is at the receiving end. They were bad listeners. They simply failed to listen to their children, to listen attentively and sincerely without showing boredom or butting in and correcting some half-baked opinion which their young had incoherently expressed.

How many of us unwittingly fall into the same trap, especially if we sit on committees and are accustomed to airing our own views. It is so terribly easy to forget that what a lonely person

*At the Central Council week-end, 1964,
Geoff Martin talking (or listening?)
to Doris Laws*



Some Notes on Geoff Martin — By himself

The Devonshire offspring of a family of farmers and artists. After no particular schooling became engineer in Taunton, and was very bad at it. A pimply youth in 1921, he was run to earth by Tubby and so began an incurable addiction to Toc H. In 1930 was offered the privilege of serving on the full-time staff with "Uncle Harry" Ellison in the overseas office at 42 Trinity Square, London. In South Africa from 1933 to 1935. Undeservedly fortunate in marriage, with two passable sons, grown up. In more recent years a dabbler in the affairs of Toc H Overseas, the Services Clubs and the Old House.

Family Motto—"He meant well".

wants is not so much to be talked to by someone as to talk to someone, someone who will look into their eyes as they prattle on and make it very clear that they are absorbed in what is being said. Husband, wife, child; which is a lonely one? If there is any trace of this loneliness in my home, this "barrier" separating any member of my family from the others, let me take the trouble to analyse the conversational opportunities of a typical day at "Sans Souci".

CERTAINLY not at breakfast, for my wife would be concentrating on getting the breakfast and the rest of us on rushing off to work or school. Dinner time? I doubt it, for much the same reason. What about the evenings, with the demands of homework, Toc H meetings, Toc H jobs, Mothers Union, Young Wives, and, of course, television. Or the week-end? With the father pre-occupied with the garden, and a galaxy of television programmes to suit all tastes! No. To be quite realistic I suppose most of us have to admit that in the course of a week there are very few ready-made opportunities for leisurely, natural talk with each other. Therefore the opportunity must be made, but not ostentatiously as though calling the family together for a planned domestic conference session. People do not talk to order. Some do of course—yes indeed!—but not the ones I have in mind, whose thoughts and interests and hopes I am trying to draw out, the ones I want tremendously to know well.

Perhaps the answer is not so much the manufacturing of an opportunity, which is likely to be artificial and therefore ineffective, as in being sensitive, alert, to the mood of the family. My son comes into the sitting-room, a suspicion of excitement in his eyes. What follows? "Hullo Robin, you've come home then?" "Yup". "Had a good day?" "Yes thanks". My own eyes, blind to his, return to my book, or the television, or the article on "Know your family" which I am wrestling with for THE LOG. The light fades from his eyes; the opportunity is gone. Really! What a dim clot of a father I am! Had I been more on the mark I would have registered at once that he was in the mood to talk and said to myself "Bother THE LOG, just for the present this is more important." With a little encouragement, once assured that my interest was genuine, he would have opened up, and by questions, asked gently and uncritically, conversation could have been led along innumerable channels, to our great benefit, he giving out and I taking in.

SOME years ago it was my good fortune to work alongside a greatly loved senior colleague. After some weeks of close companionship he turned to me one day and said "Geoff, I've never

heard what *you* think of the L.W.H." (as you then were). I braced myself and thought "Aha! This is my chance" and began to give my opinion. Before the end of my second sentence I had said something with which he thoroughly disagreed. He broke in, and during the next quarter of an hour sought to dispel the heresy. He went overseas some years later, still without knowing what I thought of the L.W.H. But he was a famous speaker.

The itch to put people right regardless of the circumstances is part of the same common fault. So is the habit, usually unconscious, of talking down to someone. This applies particularly in a family circle, and it is quite devastating. A comment or question delivered in an amused, paternal tone of voice is not the best way of encouraging an opinion expressed hesitatingly by someone who takes it seriously. The man who first said that love is blind was right in more ways than one. The willingness to talk sincerely is, of course, vital in the creation of a close family relationship, as indeed it is of all relationships, but I suggest that the willingness to listen sincerely is even more important. With a little gentle prodding most people can be led to talk about themselves or their families for half an hour, with scarcely a pause for breathing. Yet few are prepared to be interested in the prodder, or to do more than listen with half an ear to an occasional remark thrown into the conversational pool. Therefore I would say "Stop" (what we are doing) "Look" (into the eyes opposite), "Listen" (with our whole mind).

WE EXPECT

to publish another thought-provoking article
in **THE NEW FAMILY** series in the
September-October number of **THE LOG**.
Doris Longley will be putting forth her
vigorous views



to get some letters from Branches where
a lively spirit is alert to the changes to be
stimulated in **Toc H Women's Association**



to have some opinions from any younger
members who have something valuable to
contribute

Branksome Pioneer

DURING the past two months, the Pioneers have held two successful Jumble Sales to raise funds for the many enterprises upon which they are engaged.

In the Jubilee Project—the installing of Emergency Aid systems in homes of elderly and infirm people living alone in the Branksome area—the survey is complete and some forty people have been discovered. As this means an approximate cost of £60 for the installations, fund-raising is being intensified. It is hoped to complete the installations in all the homes before the end of November.

The obvious highlights of recent weeks have been the Easter activities. Pioneers enjoyed a good Easter with trips starting on the Thursday evening and lasting till Monday night. They were grateful for the loan of “Martha”, the Toc H Women’s Association mobile caravan, which arrived on Thursday evening, and Pioneers welcomed Celia Turner who was at the wheel. That same evening, Pioneers took Celia in “Mona”, their Minibus, on a tour of the area, visiting Hengistbury Head and finishing the evening with fish and chips.

On Good Friday, “Martha”, Mona, and “Maggy” (the latter being another Minibus) travelled to Weymouth, and then on to Portland for tea, and explored the Verne, the Borstal, and also climbed the Lighthouse.

Saturday saw the three ‘M’s’ taking Pioneers and children from local Children’s homes on an outing into the New Forest, where a picnic tea was laid on, with games, photographs, and heaps of fun. When the children were returned a load of Easter Eggs, for distribution on the following day, was also left at the homes.

On Easter Day, all were up early, and some twenty-five Pioneers and Toc H members set out for Le Court, the original Cheshire Home, at Liss near Petersfield. It has every conceivable device to help the residents in their sometimes difficult task of moving from one place to another, and gave our Pioneers some ideas for when we visit another Cheshire Home, at Holehird, in the Lake District, where we are going in August to spend five working days before proceeding on our camping tour of Scotland by Minibuses.

On Easter Monday, we again made another early start, and our motor transport took the “gang” across the Sandbanks ferry and then on to Studland, where they started a long trek across the

Youth Friendship Group

BARBARA QUARRELL, publicity secretary to the Group, outlines some of the recent activities which have kept its young members active—and happy

Purbecks via Ballard down into Swanage. The drivers and adults drove round by road, and picked up what was left of the hikers at 5.00 p.m. in Swanage. Returning to our H.Q. by 6.30 p.m. we handed "Martha" back to Celia Turner, and the Pioneers said their farewells, but promised to link up again with "Martha" on 22nd May at the Jubilee Rally at All Hallows, Tower Hill, and again, on 26th August at Darlington, when "Martha" will be on the outward journey to Scotland, and Pioneers will be on their return from there.

Ralph Longman, our Leader, cooked us a satisfying evening meal.

The weekend altogether was a success and all costs were borne by the Pioneers. Total attendance by Pioneers was 78 and by the Toc H Branches 17. Loads of coloured slides were taken and these will be lent to other Pioneer groups to give some idea of how Pioneer Action works.

The last highlight of this period was when the Pioneers held their first Guest Night at St. Osmond's Hall, Parkstone. Over a hundred and fifty people gathered together that night, and as part of the Pioneers' contribution to Jubilee Year, it was a splendid success. Speakers included Mr. Fred Brooker, Area Secretary of Toc H, Councillor Bert Brewer, who is himself an old Toc H member, and our Leaders. Being Ralph's birthday, the Pioneers gave him his greetings in many ways, and after refreshments, the Pioneers gave the first performance of their own Concert Party. It lasted for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and included songs, some original with their own words, sketches, solo items, conjuring, and finally getting everyone present to join in Auld Lang Syne. The proof of the success was soon made evident by the many letters our Secretary, Mary Sharman, has received from the wide range of friends present. There were representatives there from Portsmouth, Weymouth, Swanage, Halifax, and from all the local Men's and Women's Branches. This same concert group is now starting to visit local Old Folks' Homes, Blind Homes and so on, to give an evening's enjoyment to other people.

Some happenings

ELISABETH WORTH draws up a list of things on the move which may interest overseas members or others on holiday and says apply to her for further details—IF there is no other name in brackets. (See inside back cover for her address.)

JULY

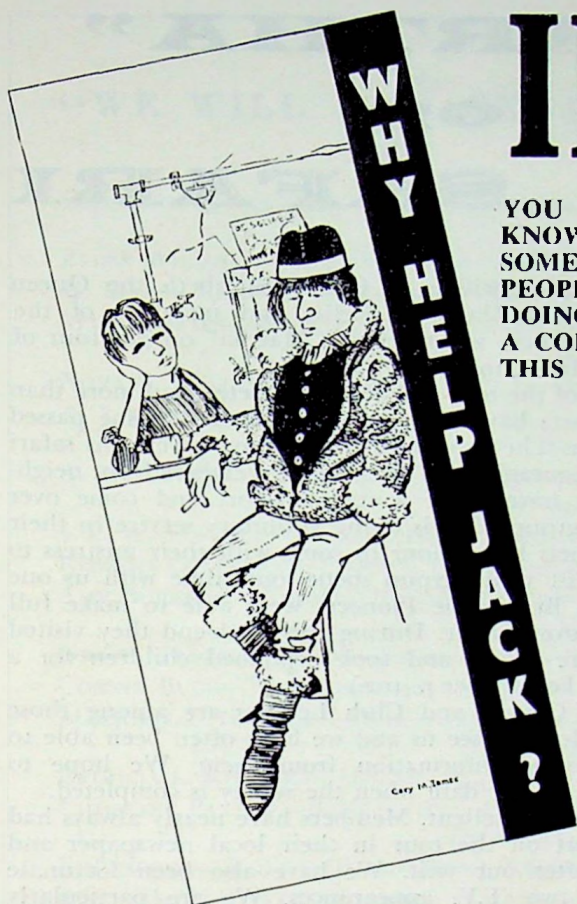
- 4 **NEWTON ABBOT**—TORBAY DISTRICT QUIET AFTERNOON.
(Apply Miss A. M. Welford, Sunnycote, Greenhill Avenue, Lymington, near Exmouth, Devon.)
- 7 **DURHAM** Miners' Gala Day. "Martha" present.
- 10/11 **DURHAM**—NORTHERN AREA WEEKEND. Bede College. (Apply Miss M. Oxenford, 15 Nunthorpe Avenue, York.)
- 28-Aug.8 **SCHOOLS' SURVEY PROJECT**, WRITTELE, ESSEX. (Apply Miss C. M. Lee, Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.)

SEPTEMBER

- 4-11 **IONA JUBILEE WEEK**. (Apply Miss F. M. Beeton, 25 Montpelier, Edinburgh, 10.)
- 10 **NOTTINGHAM**. BALL to be held at Portland Building.
- 11 **LEEDS**. All Yorkshire Area FESTIVAL.
- 18 **SOUTHWELL** Cathedral. NOTTS. & DERBY AREA JUBILEE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.
- 18 **LIVERPOOL**. Jubilee Gathering 3.15 p.m. on board the Cruiser "Royal Iris" followed by THANKSGIVING SERVICE in Liverpool Parish Church, 5.45 p.m. (Apply Jack Shaw, Gladstone House, 62 Rodney St., Liverpool, 1.)
- 24-27 **SCOTTISH KIRK WEEK**, PERTH.
- 25/26 **PENARTH**. S. WALES AREA TRAINING WEEK-END.
Speaker: Miss R. Relf. (Apply Mrs. A. M. Cook, 59 St. Isan Road, Heath, Cardiff.)
- 29 **MICHAELMAS DAY**. Day of intercession for the whole work of T.O.C.H. throughout the world. Intercessions all day at All Hallows, Tower Hill, London, E.C.3, culminating in a service at 7.30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 **MANCHESTER** AREA FESTIVAL. Free Trade Hall.
- 22 **NOTTINGHAM**, Albert Hall. Folk Song Concert.



IF

YOU WANT TO
KNOW WHAT
SOME YOUNG
PEOPLE ARE
DOING, GET
A COPY OF
THIS LEAFLET

"WHY HELP JACK?" is out to catch the interest of young people. Here is an excerpt from the leaflet which may show why you ought to have a few in the Branch—if you haven't already!

"Toc H Volunteers are a network of people throughout the United Kingdom and abroad. The scheme is sponsored by Toc H, a world-wide Christian movement, for people who feel, for varying reasons, unable to commit themselves at this stage to the responsibilities of full membership. They do, however, recognize that it should be a normal part of life to be concerned about other people and to serve their needs in any way they can.

"Membership of Toc H Volunteers costs 7s. 6d. a year. . . .

"Application forms for membership are available from: —

TOC H PROJECTS CENTRE,

41 TRINITY SQUARE, LONDON, E.C.3."

“MARTHA”

on

SAFARI

WITH the good wishes of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Lady Mar and Kellie and members of the Central Council, we set off in “Martha” on our tour of Britain, on 28th March, 1965.

Now, over half of the tour has been completed and more than a thousand members have come to see “Martha” as she passed through their area. The support members have given this safari has been most encouraging. In some cases, members from neighbouring Branches have made a special effort and come over by bus or car. A group of girls doing voluntary service in their school, gave up their lunch hour to come with their mistress to see us. A Methodist youth group spent some time with us one Saturday and the Branksome Pioneers were able to make full use of “Martha” over Easter. During this week-end they visited Le Court Cheshire Home and took orphaned children for a picnic to the New Forest. (See p. 102.)

Mayors, Youth Officers and Club Leaders are among those who have come along to see us and we have often been able to gain most interesting information from them. We hope to summarise this at a later date when the survey is completed.

Publicity has been excellent. Members have nearly always had at least one report on the tour in their local newspaper and often a second after our visit. We have also been fortunate enough to have two T.V. appearances. We are particularly pleased with this good publicity as it emphasizes that Toc H is interested in young people as well as older members.

“Martha's” safari is due to end on 16th September. **BUT IS THIS REALLY TO BE THE END OR IS IT JUST THE BEGINNING?** Already we have found several places where we feel a young Toc H or Mobile Action group could be started. In other places, members hope to involve the young people in their jobs. In this way they may experience Toc H casually, and it is these people who are likely to form the core of the Movement in a few years' time. Today more and more young people are doing voluntary service but they need help, guidance and encouragement from experienced adults.

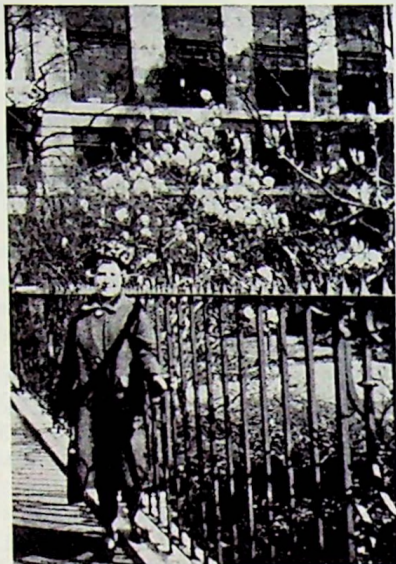
EVELINE WALLIS
CELIA TURNER

“WE WILL REMEMBER”

- ELIZABETH LILIAN REID—*Builder (Streatham).*
4.10.57—22.3.65
- ELLEN WILMOTT—*Ipswich.* 15.4.59—6.3.65
- H. MASON—*Builder (Streatham).* 14.8.63—28.3.65
- MARY DAVIES—*Builder (Mold) Founder Member.*
5.12.49—20.3.65
- NORA C. WITHINGTON—*Yardley.* 25.5.34—24.8.64
- A. J. MILSTED—*Builder (W. Norwood).*
20.12.57—12.3.65
- A. M. GUTTERIDGE—*Builder (Canterbury) Former*
Member. 9.12.37—22.3.65
- J. P. W. SAWTELL—*Builder (Woking).* 20.5.58—12.4.65
- ROWENA COULDREY—*Trimley.* 12.9.63—25.3.65
- AMY BOREHAM—*Builder (Brighton) Former Member.*
19.3.53—16.4.65
- GRACE MARGARET SMITH—*Fulney.* 8.7.57—10.4.65
- CONNIE BUCK—*Woodford.* 12.11.30—5.4.65
- MARJORIE L. HARVEY—*Builder (Streatham).*
26.8.58—9.4.65
- PATRICIA L. RODGERS—*Hallam.* 17.4.44—12.3.65
- EMMELINE PAXTON—*Builder (Rye) Former Member.*
December, 1937—20.1.65
- E. PEACOCK—*Builder (Wokingham).* 6.6.50—26.4.65
- EDITH EMILY TILLER—*Swanage.* 25.5.55—29.3.65
- LAURA DU MONCEL—*Swanage.* 23.2.59—9.2.65
- E. E. STRATFORD—*Builder (E.C. & Tower Hill)*
Former Member. 15.3.29—24.4.65
- MAIMIE NIGHTINGALE—*Orpington.* 31.7.50—6.4.65
- JOSIE BRIDGER—*Tunbridge Wells.* 20.6.33—23.4.65
- EVELINE GOODWIN—*Fareham.* 16.10.40—18.3.65
- EDITH MAY STANNARD—*Norwich—*3.9.58—12.5.65
- EDITH ALICE WRIGHT—*Blackheath.* 5.3.41—13.5.65
- IRIS YOUNGS (NEE LEVERETT)—*Oulton Broad.*
6.4.50—7.5.65

JAN SHEPPARD

ADMINISTRATIVE PILOT
RETIRED AT THE END OF
APRIL, 1965



JAN SHEPPARD, after having been a Warden for many years and coming immediately from a period with the Toc H Services Clubs in Germany, joined us in September, 1957. Members up and down the country have welcomed Jan's visits and particularly her helpful talks and the interpretation of Toc H through the Main Resolution, emphasizing, throughout, the opportunity afforded in Toc H for the development of personality.

Her contribution to the Movement has been quiet but penetrating. Members who have had the benefit of talks with Jan on their own personal problems will know something of how helpful these can be. Since Mac's death, Jan has been Hostess at Crutched Friars House and those who have experienced her hospitality will remember it with affection and gratitude for she made every guest feel that she was really wanted for herself. We shall miss her wisdom and encouragement but we wish her a very restful and happy retirement.

M.F.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SHELDON HOUSE

ON April 26th, in Birmingham Council Chamber, the first A.G.M. of Sheldon House was held. Mrs. J. Glass, one of our Patrons, was in the Chair. Jean Perry, as Secretary, gave a good full account of all the work, gifts and help which have made everything possible. She spoke of the girls in the house and their great need of a proper home.

Mr. C. Edwards, the Treasurer, presented the accounts and the balance sheet. £8,401 has been donated of which £5,658 remains towards the purchase of our own property in the future.

About fifty people attended, representing many organizations in the City of Birmingham; and several local Branches of Toc H Women's Association in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Stourbridge also sent representatives.

Mr. A. Lenton, Governor of the Princess Alice Homes, was the speaker and he talked on his wide experience of the lives, attitudes and worries of the adolescent age group.

He said a home like Sheldon House could never in every way resemble an ordinary home as no ordinary home ever had twelve daughters aged fifteen to eighteen! He was well appreciated for an interesting thought-provoking talk and we hope that the success of this meeting will be the pattern for many more to come.

JEAN TUNNADINE

(Chairman, Birmingham District)

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It is still not too late to book a holiday at Warden Manor this year in happy Toc H spirit. Full board £6 15s. 0d. weekly (no extras). Entertainments, Tennis, Putting and other games free. Open, July 3rd—September 18th. Write to John Cole, now resident at Warden Manor, Eastchurch, Kent. Telephone: Eastchurch 238.

TOC H JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

GARDEN PARTY

AT

WINDSOR CASTLE

MAY 16th, 1965

MAY BAKER, Secretary of the Putney R.H.H.I. Branch, gives a lively account of the great gathering on May 16th as seen from a wheel-chair



The Hon. Angus Ogilvy, Vice-Patron of Toc H, with visitors at the Garden Party (above)

Tubby talks to some members of the R.H.H.I., Putney (opposite)



PERSONALLY, it was with mixed feelings that we set out, in the coach, to Windsor on May 16th, 1965. Grey skies, drizzle, a Garden Party! Ah well, at least we could sit in the coach and receive visitors!

However, the skies brightened and when lunch was eaten we were able to be pushed around in our chairs, meeting old friends and making new in the infectious, friendly atmosphere of this huge Toc H gathering.

We were introduced to "Martha" and gave her our careful scrutiny. We met the Burgomaster of Poperinge, and at 3 p.m. another important V.I.P. arrived, the Sun.

By that time our Chairman, Katherine Pickers, had found Tubby and we joined her. He recognized our Jobbie's (Audrey Swords) Devonshire dialect and, upon hearing of my birthplace, sang "Knock 'em in the Old Kent Road"—quite tunefully and with no words missing! This thrilling encounter made our day.

We met members from as far away as California and Devon and then, great excitement, Mr. Angus Ogilvy had arrived. He came to the coach to meet us all and sat inside for a while with those who had remained there. His autograph was in great demand and we felt extremely fortunate to have had this opportunity of meeting him.

Thank you all who helped us to experience such a delightful afternoon.



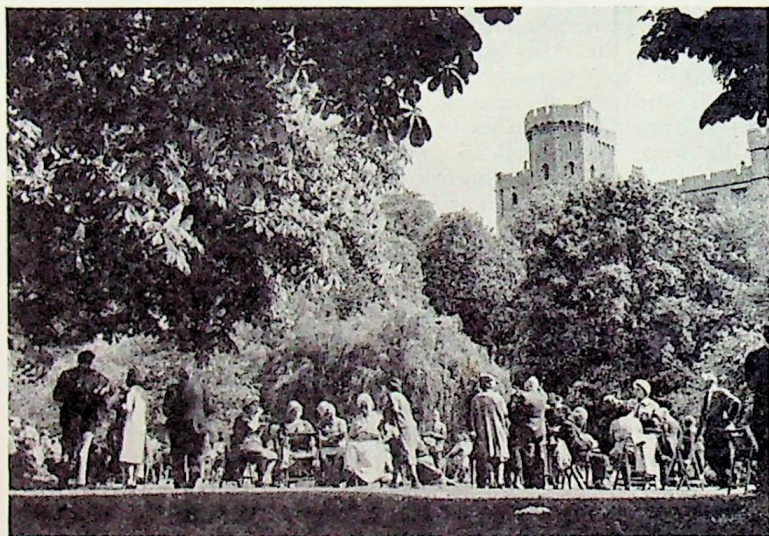
Constance Beazley, Chairman of the Women's Association Central Executive Committee, carries the Association's Lamp at the Royal Albert Hall Festival Evening, May 22nd

**Picture review
of four star events
in the Jubilee
Celebrations of
Toc H, 1965**

In the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and her husband, the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, a Reception was given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Toc H, on May 17th (Right)

Fine picture (below) taken at the Windsor Castle Garden Party on May 16th. See also pages 110 and 111

Col. Sir Thomas Butler, Resident Governor, at the Tower of London Reception he gave for Overseas Members on May 18th. George Davis, Hon. Administrator of Toc H, is on the extreme left, next to Lady Butler (Below, opposite)





OVER



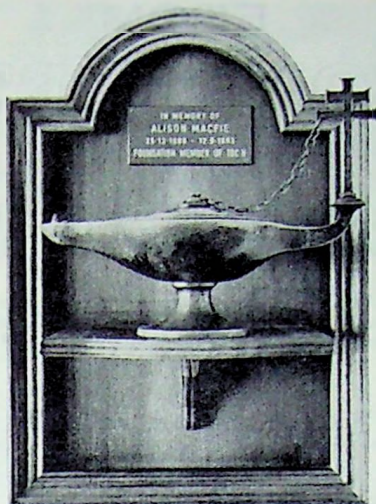
SOUTH AFRICA has commemorated Alison Macfie by installing some beautifully proportioned wooden brackets at headquarters on which to stand the two Lamps. These were blessed by Canon R. P. Y. Rouse, Hon. Headquarters Padre, at a simple ceremony on Saturday, 6th February, following the meeting of the Women's Association Executive Committee. "Light" was taken by Mrs. Joyce Todd, a member of the Headquarters Advisory Committee, and a personal friend of Miss Macfie.

*Women's Association Lamp
in its bracket (above)*

*Toc II Lamp in its bracket
(opposite, above)*

Mrs. Joy Morris, Chairman, presiding over the South African Executive Committee at headquarters, Johannesburg, with Mrs. Edith Malcolm, Headquarters Secretary, on her right

SEAS



ELISABETH WORTH, Overseas Secretary, brings in the news from all over the world where the Family of Toe H is active. Keep her posted with your latest happenings



FROM SOMERSET TO NEW ZEALAND

JANET SKINNER, a young member of Bath Branch, sailed for New Zealand last December and sends news of the new friends she has made there in Toc H

QUITE a lot has happened since the boat docked in Auckland on January 20th, and Toc H-wise things have turned out well. I was royally entertained in Auckland by members and the highlight of my stay there was the party they gave me on the Sunday afternoon—I don't think I've ever laughed so much. They're certainly a wonderful crowd. After five days in Auckland I was sent to Wellington and soon after, I wrote to Mary Gandy. I've been to several Toc H meetings and at the moment the women meet with the men's Wellington Branch on Tuesday nights. The membership is small, but fairly consistent and we have some interesting programmes planned.

My other piece of Toc H news is my visit to Waimate at the weekend for the Dominion Council. Evelyn (Mary's sister) went

SOUTHERN AREA

SOLENT CRUISE & RALLY, Saturday, 18th September, 1965, 2.30-7.30 p.m. calling at Ryde, Isle of Wight, for tea, and to meet the members on the Island. Light entertainment will be provided on board and we look forward to a happy time afloat. Do join us. Adults: 12/6d. Children under 16: 6/6d. Tea if required: 3/6d. plus 10% payable at the hotel. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. J. E. Bird, 33 Avon Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.



Delegates to the New Zealand Dominion Council held in Waimate in March 1965. Janet Skinner is sitting on the steps, extreme left, with Mrs. Mills, Dominion Chairman next to her

as Councillor and I went as an Observer and we had quite a trip. I think we tried every type of public transport to get there and back, but in spite of being there for only twenty-four hours, it was worth every minute. I met up with several of the Auckland Branch again, and they were very surprised to see me when I walked in! I got to know one of the members of Oamaru joint Branch and have an open invitation to visit her and her family on their farm any time I'm in the South Island. Everyone was very friendly and this made me realize once again the family essence of Toc H.

SCOTTISH WEEK-END

THIS year our Scottish week-end was held in the Braemar Hotel, Aberdeen, 10th-11th April. Approximately forty members and friends were welcomed on the Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Agnes Bruce, of Aberdeen, who took Light. Local guests were invited for the evening meeting when each Branch gave an account of its work and projects.

Miss Frances Beeton, Regional Secretary, then spoke and showed slides of various activities on hand, such as Etimbeni, "Martha", Toc H Jubilee celebrations to be held in Stirling later in the year. Mrs. Gwen Langley of C.E.C. gave a most interesting report of the work of Northern Area and their extension northwards and southwards, and the varied service and work being done by their Branches.

The evening was brought to a close by prayers taken by Mrs. Mollie Orr of our newest Branch, Stirling.

Sunday morning began with a shortened version of the Toc H Jubilee Service conducted by Nairn members. This was followed by a talk entitled "Growing Together" from our Guest speaker, Miss Mabel Small, Secretary of the Scottish Churches Ecumenical Association. She stressed that the Church is caught



**JOINT BRANCHES —
DO YOU READ
THE LOG AND THE
JOURNAL—AND DO
YOU SEND OUT-
STANDING NEWS
TO**

BOTH ?

LENA CRUICKSHANK reports on a lively week-end showing Toc H at work in a kaleidoscope of colourful ways

up in the ever-increasing change. The first World Conference on Church Unity had been held in 1910, but not until 1948 was the Roman Catholic Church willing to take part in conversations on unity. In this new technical age Christians have a greater responsibility than ever: divisions are sinful, we should be as one. Probably what is dividing us more than anything is the varying outlooks on Faith and Order, but nevertheless, she feels we are striving to grow nearer to oneness. Toc H, where differences of denomination are no barrier, plays an active part in this. Lively discussion and questions followed.

The week-end came to an end with Mrs. Phil Campbell of Glasgow proposing votes of thanks to all who had taken part to make it such a success. Mrs. Elise Stewart of Cumbernauld took home-going prayers.

Aberdeen Branch had procured the window of the City Information Office for the whole week in which they displayed photographs and exhibits of Toc H at work, making a colourful and lively show. They have now formed a small Committee with Toc H and a Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. to fill the survey questionnaire for "Martha's" safari and make preparations for her reception early in September.

SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OFFER from "Roseacre" to Toc H members: 6 bushes each of Jubilee H.T. and Dor-Knap Floribundas at 31/6d. each, carriage paid home. All other types available, including standards. Discount up to 15% to purchaser. Orders of £6 and over carriage paid. For further details send a stamped addressed envelope for a list of varieties, or 9d. for colour catalogue and hints, to W. E. Bruton, Esq., F.R.H.S., 31 Browning Road, Enfield. Profits to Toc H Family Purse.



**WE CAN'T INCLUDE YOUR NEWS IN "THE
LOG" UNLESS YOU SEND IT TO US! KEEP
IT COMING . . . KEEP IT UP-TO-DATE**

BANBURY have obtained the names of five local blind folk who would like the tape-recorded local news.

(From Oxford & Thames Valley Area Newsletter)

BANBURY JOINT BRANCH: Our Branch had the pleasure of welcoming "Martha" on May 7th. Celia Turner and Eveline Wallis spoke to some 80 girls at the Easington Secondary Modern School and were afterwards interviewed by a local press representative and photographed. On the next night the Branch entertained the International Club with an "Old Tyme Music Hall", their Padre at the piano, and a country dance session followed.

GLADYS BURT

BRIDLINGTON has had a busy time. We have run our usual hospital rota—to give out admission tickets to patients' visitors; the Disabled Meeting every Thursday has been covered by our members; and we have sent our representatives to other organizations. We made a big all-out effort, with the men's Branch, to raise money with the help of "Martha" for Muscular Dystrophy Research. We have run, or helped to run, jumble and other sales for good causes and helped with the Ryder-Cheshire Garden Party and many other such things. Our Christmas jobs for 1964 included taking elderly and disabled people to do their Christmas shopping in Woolworths where the manager and staff showed us every kindness.

HELEN SCOFFIN

CORBY: Knitted from oddments of wool by Mrs. Lily Acton—whose sight is not good—and presented to our Branch, a colourful blanket is being sent off to the Old House at Poperinge. The gay squares were sewn together by other members of the Corby Town Centre Townswomen's Guild. This is the third blanket which has been presented to us, but the other two we gave to local people.

D. STIRLING



*Photograph by permission
of the "Devonshire Press"*

*Party at Minsden Old
People's Home, Hitchin*

GRAYS held their 21st Birthday Party on May 8th. Friends of the Branch were invited and the programme consisted mainly of songs, led by the choir in old-time costumes, games and dancing.

JOYCE CURWEN

HAREHILLS: As most of us know, the Salvation Army have been celebrating their Centenary. It ended with a great meeting in the Royal Albert Hall and, at this meeting, young men and women were commissioned as officers in the Army. One of our members has a son who was commissioned then and she was chosen to represent all the mothers and presented with a Silver Star and Certificate.

DOROTHY HESLEWOOD

HITCHIN: The Branch gives a party every month to elderly friends at Minsden Old People's Home, Hitchin. We come away wondering who has enjoyed the evening most—the residents or the visitors.

"OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY: As we go to press we hear that our Area Chairman, Peter Merritt, has been elected to serve on the Abingdon Borough Council. It would be wonderful if many more of our members, having learnt to practise the Four Points of the Compass, offered themselves to serve the community in this way." *(Oxford & Thames Valley Area Newsletter)*



*Photograph by permission
of the "Torquay Times"*

*At the official opening of Adams
House by the Mayor of Tor-
quay, Alderman R. P. Williams*

ROCHDALE: All three of our Branches have been busy. Helped by the men's Branch, we had a coffee evening and a bring-and-buy sale in aid of Etimbeni and other causes: we ran a fashion parade; and a dozen or so cars took patients for a Sunday morning outing . . . all efforts for Jubilee Year. We were personally thanked by the Mayor when we served coffee and biscuits, to some six hundred people, at a Winston Churchill Memorial effort.

JEAN MOSS

TETTENHALL: The six members of this Branch made a special effort in aid of Sheldon House for girls and raised over £50 by a "Pig Party". Apart from all the pork products, there were home-made wines.

HILDA EDGE

TORQUAY: Cuttings from the *Torquay Times*, sent to THE LOG by D. I. Jessop, give excellent publicity to "Martha's" visit and to the opening of Adams House, new headquarters for the Women's Association in Torquay. The House was bought with money given by Connie Adams' mother and is a memorial to Connie, founder secretary of the Association in Torquay.

YEOVIL: A newspaper cutting from the *Western Gazette* carried a picture of "Martha" and the welcome given to Celia Turner and Eveline Wallis by the Mayor of Yeovil.

CONTRIBUTIONS

HERE are some practical points about publicity and contributions sent either to your local newspaper or to THE LOG.

1. Choose news that *is* news. Send one good piece of "hard" news rather than a hopeful rag-bag collection that will leave nothing but a vague feeling of do-goodery and no sharp suggestion to make the reader think: "*That's an idea! I might help with it. . .*"
2. If humanly possible, get your copy typed. If not, block-print every name—and give the Christian name and surname of everyone mentioned.
3. Always give a name, address and telephone number where any newspaper or magazine may come back to verify a fact or to interview more fully.
4. When photographs are sent to THE LOG, get and attach written permission to publish from the owner of the copy-right. Most of you do this helpful thing—some of you *don't*.
5. Don't send bad photographs. Some that I see are so distressing they would be no encouragement to *anyone* to join Toc H Women's Association. Put your best foot forward, if you like, but not so that it's out of focus. . . .
6. Don't send negatives: for THE LOG we need good sharp prints; if you have only a colour transparency, it *can* be used—but black-and-white prints are better for the purpose.
7. Write a caption, with all names clearly given, on a separate sheet of paper and attach it lightly to the back of the photograph. *Don't* write on the back of the photograph pressing hard with pen or pencil. If you want to see why not, try it on a snapshot you don't like!
8. PLEASE keep to THE LOG's copy dead-line—and don't send news of events which took place months ago. To keep us up-to-date, report quickly . . . and for local newspapers, send *advance* information before any interesting event.
9. Remember there is very little room for verse—but we want more thoughtful thorough-paced letters which will get a good discussion going about something worth the space.
10. Congratulations on the support "Martha" is getting from local newspapers on her safari. It must have meant hard work in many Branches.

EDITOR

Streatham changes

TIME

and find themselves in

step with SUCCESS

HERETOFORE our Special Efforts have been held in an evening at a Toc H meeting, which has meant that most people cannot get along from business in time to help with preparations. This time we decided to try our luck on a Saturday afternoon.

It proved to be an almost 100% corporate effort from the Branch and we spent the morning making the hall look gay with a grocery stall, gift stall, plant stall, and tables laid for tea.

We had previously asked all the Women's Fellowships in Streatham who now support us so enthusiastically to enter an apron competition. The aprons, some of them extremely gay and others bearing the most beautiful stitchery, were hung on a clothes-line along the wall and our visitors were asked to pop a penny in the one they thought the best. Most of the aprons were then given to us for sale. The first prize went to the Baptist Minister's wife, the second to Thornton Heath Toc H and the third to the Congregational Women's League.

In addition we also had a competition for the greatest number of articles put into a small matchbox—here the first prize went to Immanuel Church for 101 articles, the second to St. Leonard's Church for a total of 93 and the third to the friend of a member for 90 articles.

The Toc H Jubilee Exhibit was on display and attracted much interest and there was a good sale for Toc H Jubilee pens.

IT was a happy afternoon and we were amazed when we counted the takings—£25 16s. 0d. and some cash still coming in from the sale of 48 packets of budgerigar seed presented to us! £10 of this is to go to the Toc H Jubilee Fund for Etembeni, £10 to H.Q. for our Special Effort and the remaining money to start a job fund, as we are slowly growing in numbers and hope to tackle more jobs.

MARJORIE M. RORKE

A "Holy Fluke"

—that's what began the story—and here PHYLLIS W. WOLFE reviews JOHN CALLF'S book, *SECOND WIND*, which brings it up to date and eggs you on to ask what next? (Toc H, 3/6.)

THE author says in the preface that "this is an unfinished book about an unfinished story"; the reader may well find it an introduction to a serial story which begins as a "Holy Fluke", leads through the "unconventional society" and the dangers of "settling down" and unimaginative over-faithfulness. The story goes on to show the wisdom of the first Administrator, Peter Monie, who, in "Toc H Under Weigh", helped members to think out what Toc H was all about and to test it in everyday life, and to spread the spirit of Christian fellowship and service from which many set out on a search for God.

The story is taken up by the next Administrator, Hubert Secretan, who in "Towards New Landfalls" urges members to get out of comfortable ruts and not only to be "doers", but also thinkers—that the true place for Toc H is then back in the field, as obedient committed men and women willing from time to time to undergo the discipline of training and mutual criticism.

With what looks like a widening gulf between the world and the Church, the story of Toc H must include a choice between "half-way Christianity" and moving to one side or the other—or to be a chain with new links being added at each end? And what of the next 50 years—will the story include Christian Unity and Family and Race Unity and the Christian standards for living? And will a new Toc H meet the needs of a new generation?

IT'S

NEW!

A most successful dance was held at The Hoskins Arms Hotel, Oxted, on 23rd April, 1965, to inaugurate Oxted and Limpsfield Toc H. It was well-attended by several Branches, including Sevenoaks, Croydon and Westerham, as well as by friends. From the proceeds a profit of £24 was made and this was used on May 17th to take a coach-load of elderly folk from Oxted and Limpsfield on a "Blossom Tour" and then there were cream teas for all at Hildenborough in "The Old Barn".

PEGGY HAVERELY

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

Joyce Bestelink's letter (May-June Log) rang a bell with many a member, treasurers especially!

We seem to bend over backwards to raise money for other charities and sadly neglect our own society.

Before putting pen to paper to accuse me of being only concerned with our own Movement, may I beg members, please, to let "to think fairly" apply to finance.

Toc H. W.A. balances its books by careful spending, devoted staff, and last year £225 remained. A T.V. programme some two years ago revealed the assets of some well-known charities to be into *millions of pounds*.

So before raising money to give away do let us make sure that the receiving charity really needs the money for immediate use. Our own Society's expenses are continually rising. Our help to others could often be in service rather than in fund-raising. Many members of the public will support a charity where the name is a household word but it is Toc H W.A. members and their efforts mainly who finance Toc H W.A.

JEAN TUNNADINE

(Treasurer, Sandwell Branch)

DEAR EDITOR,

Perhaps many members think as I thought, that the letters on our Lamp "P.X." stand for the first two letters of "Christ" in the Greek alphabet.

I have just returned from Greece and had this explanation: The letters are "X.P." standing for "Christ". In the Greek alphabet "X" stands for "C.H." and "P" stands for "R".

Greek X P H E T O E
 C H R I S T O S

H. G. HUPPEST

(Hornchurch)

DEAR EDITOR,

Can you sort out some of these ideas for inclusion in THE Log?

On publicity, we took up the idea of making ourselves better known by inviting a woman reporter to come to our meeting and see what it was like—and perhaps write an article about us

for the Woman's Page of the local newspaper. And as another step, we sent a letter to the "Sentinel" asking for odd pieces of knitting wool so that those in an old people's home, and long-stay patients in hospital, could knit blanket-squares for refugees.

Has Missionary Optical Service been boosted in *The Log*? This is something that doesn't cost money (for a change) and many members must have a pair of spectacles no longer suited to their sight which would be useful to the Service.

As a way to bring out talent and laughter in the Branch I can thoroughly, out of experience, recommend "Live Magazine".

We have a tape recording of Jan Sheppard's talk to us on The Main Resolution which may be borrowed by any Branch from us at the cost of postage.

Our Padre should have grateful thanks for the way he gives willingly of his time to come and talk to us once a quarter, this despite the fact that he is Rural Dean and in this last year has become a Prebendary of our Cathedral (Lichfield). He goes to great trouble to prepare our Michaelmas and Lady Day services, which always leave us richer for the spiritual experience—and realizing how much poorer a Branch must be without a Padre.

MURIEL BUTTREY

(Newcastle, Staffordshire)

(Well, this is what I have sorted out! And thank you for the leaflet which gives the address of Mr. H. A. Thompson, 162 Salvington Road, Worthing, Sussex, for those who want to know more about the Missionary Optical Service.—Editor.)

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SERVICE

IS THE

RENT

IN the past—we have read and heard—"Service is the rent we pay for our time on earth".

In the present we are sadly missing the "rent" paid by our our Jobbie, Doris Smith, who entered the fuller life on Sunday, May 9th, 1965. Sincere, generous in heart, time and money, kindly, sympathetic and energetic, she faithfully followed to the inch each Job she took on. All who knew her readily remember her familiar words "Well, what are we waiting for, let's get on with it."

A big thank you, Doris, for all the Jobs so happily and lovingly undertaken!

"We will remember."

M.B.
(Fleet)

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